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To: Field Managers

From: Associate State Director

Subject: *Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action*: Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Programmatic Biological Evaluation (BE) for the Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Inter-agency Coordination Memorandum into Field Office (FO) Resource Management Plans (RMPs) by Maintenance Action

The attached document transmits the FWS inter-agency coordination memorandum based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described under all current Wyoming BLM RMPs (except the Snake River RMP) and the Wyoming statewide Programmatic mountain plover BE, and the potential effects of these activities on the mountain plover in accordance with BLM's 6840 manual. The FWS reviewed all of BLM's activity specific determinations and was in agreement with our proactive analysis and proactive conservation measures, which should serve to better protect this species from further decline.

The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BE for the mountain plover and the inter-agency coordination memorandum covering the FWS review can be found on the internet at www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Wildlife/mtn-plover.html.

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. All Wyoming BLM FOs should review their existing RMPs, the programmatic BE, and the FWS inter-agency coordination memorandum. If you agree with this determination, please maintain the official hard copy of your RMP within 30 days of the date of this Instruction Memorandum (IM). Please also maintain the web-based copy of your RMP during the same timeframe. If you believe this action may require an RMP amendment, please contact Ken Peacock, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6329.

If you have further questions regarding this IM, please contact Jeff Carroll at (307) 775-6090.

/s/Donald A. Simpson

2 Attachments:

1. Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY07FA0290) (24 pp.)
2. BLM Wyoming Programmatic Biological Evaluation of the Mountain Plover (9 March 2007) (110 pp.)